

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing media information to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable television services server device, said method comprising:
displaying a medial title list that has at least one media title, each media title being displayed in a title area;
receiving user input identifying a media title in a title area and requesting that said title area containing said media title be removed from a media title list; and
deleting said title area containing said media title from said media title list.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said ~~wherein the user input is transmitted~~ via a remote control device.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying said media title by highlighting said media title in said title area ~~wherein the media title identified by said user is highlighted~~.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the media title identified by said user input is a video-on-demand media title.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said media title list is displayed via a television.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
restoring said title area containing said media title to said media title list.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
providing the user with a list of deleted media titles.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
storing information in client device memory identifying said media title as a deleted media title.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
excluding said title area containing said media title from a media title list that is presented to the user at a future time.
10. (Currently Amended) An interactive media services client device for providing a user with media information received from a programmable television services server device, said client device comprising:
memory for storing data;
a media title list contained in said memory, the media title list having at least one media title, each media title being displayed in a title area; and
a processor configured to cause a title area containing a media title identified by user input to be removed from said media title list.
11. (Original) The interactive media services client device of claim 10, wherein the user input is transmitted via a remote control device.
12. (Original) The interactive media services client device of claim 10, wherein the media title identified by said user is highlighted.
13. (Original) The interactive media services client device of claim 10, wherein the media title identified by said user input is a video-on-demand media title.
14. (Original) The interactive media services client device of claim 10, wherein said media title list is displayed via a television.

15. (Currently Amended) A programmable television services server device for providing media information to a user via an interactive media services client device, said server device comprising:

memory for storing data;

a media title list contained in said memory; the media title list having at least one media title, each media title being displayed in a title area; and

a processor configured to cause a title area containing a media title identified by user input to be removed from said media title list.

16. (Original) The programmable television services server device of claim 15, wherein the user input is transmitted via a remote control device.

17. (Original) The programmable television services server device of claim 15, wherein the media title identified by said user is highlighted.

18. (Original) The programmable television services server device of claim 15, wherein the media title identified by said user input is a video-on-demand media title.

19. (Original) The programmable television services server device of claim 15, wherein said media title list is displayed via a television.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for providing media information to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable television services server device, said method comprising:

receiving user input identifying a filtering criterion;

identifying a media title from a media title list based on said filter criterion;

excluding a title area containing said [[a]] media title that meets said filtering criterion from said media title list; and

displaying said media title list that has at least one title area containing at least one media title except said title area containing said media title that meets said filter criterion

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the media title is a media title that is received by the client device from the server device at a future time.
22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the media title list is presented to the user at a future time.
23. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the user input is transmitted via a remote control device.
24. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the filtering criterion identified by said user is highlighted.
25. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said media title list contains video-on-demand media titles.
26. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said media title list is displayed via a television.
27. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said filtering criterion is selected from a group consisting of:
a release year, a movie classification, an actor/actress, a critic rating, a category, and a rental fee.

28. (Currently Amended) An interactive media services client device for providing a user with media information received from a programmable television services server device, said client device comprising:

memory for storing data;

a media title list contained in said memory, the media title list having at least one media title, each media title being displayed in a title area; and

a processor configured to cause a title area containing a media title corresponding to a filtering criterion identified by user input to be excluded from said media title list, said processor being further configured to display said media title list without said title area containing said media title that corresponded to said filtering criterion.

29. (Original) The client device of claim 28, wherein the user input is transmitted via a remote control device.

30. (Original) The client device of claim 28, wherein the filtering criterion identified by said user is highlighted.

31. (Original) The client device of claim 28, wherein said media title list contains video-on-demand media titles.

32. (Original) The client device of claim 28, wherein said media title list is displayed via a television.

33. (Original) The client device of claim 28, wherein said filtering criterion is selected from a group consisting of:

a release year, a movie classification, an actor/actress, a critic rating, a category, and a rental fee.

34. (Currently Amended) A programmable television services server device for providing media information to a user via an interactive media services client device, said server device comprising:

- memory for storing data;
- a media title list contained in said memory, the media title list having at least one media title, each media title being displayed in a title area; and
- a processor configured to cause a title area containing a media title corresponding to a filtering criterion identified by user input to be excluded from said media title list.

35. (Original) The server device of claim 34, wherein the user input is transmitted via a remote control device.

36. (Original) The server device of claim 34, wherein the filtering criterion identified by said user is highlighted.

37. (Original) The server device of claim 34, wherein said media title list contains video-on-demand media titles.

38. (Original) The server device of claim 34, wherein said media title list is displayed via a television.

39. (Original) The server device of claim 34, wherein said filtering criterion is selected from a group consisting of:

- a release year, a movie classification, an actor/actress, a critic rating, a category, and a rental fee.

40. (Original) The server device of claim 34, wherein said filtering criterion is selected from a group consisting of:

- a release year, a movie classification, an actor/actress, a critic rating, a category, and a rental fee.

41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[41]] 1, wherein said client device is a television set-top box.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[41]] 1, wherein said user input corresponds to the activation of only one button on a remote control device.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[41]] 1, further comprising the step of prompting said user to provide input as to whether deletion of said media title is to be permanent.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[45]] 20, wherein said client device is a television set-top box.

47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[45]] 20, wherein data corresponding to said filtering criterion is stored in non-volatile memory.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[45]] 20, wherein said filtering criterion is whether said user had previously been provided with a media presentation corresponding to said media title.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[45]] 20, wherein said filtering criterion is a text string entered by said user.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, further comprising comparing said text string to other text strings; and providing said user with alternative text string selections.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, further comprising prompting said user to select a filtering criterion that corresponds to said text string.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, further comprising prompting said user to select an alternative text string.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[45]] 20, further comprising:
receiving user input identifying a second filtering criterion; and
excluding a media title that does not meet said second filtering criterion from said media title list.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[45]] 20, wherein a video presentation identified by said media title is currently available to said user via said client device.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[45]] 20, wherein a video presentation identified by said media title is not currently available to said user via said client device.

[[55]] 56. (Currently Amended) A media services system for providing media information to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said system comprising:

memory having a media title list that includes at least one media title, each media title being displayed in a title area; and

logic stored in said memory, said logic configured to cause a title area containing a media title identified by user input to be removed from a media title list.

[[56]] 57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[55]] 56, wherein said user input corresponds to the activation of one button on a remote control device.

[[57]] 58. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[55]] 56, further comprising logic configured to cause said client device to prompt said user to provide input as to whether deletion of said media title is to be temporary or permanent.

[[58]] 59. (Currently Amended) A media services system for providing media information to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said system comprising:

memory having a media title list that includes at least one media title, each media title being displayed in a title area; and

logic stored in said memory, said logic configured to cause a title area containing a media title corresponding to a filtering criterion identified by user input to be excluded from a media title list.

[[59]] 60. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[58]] 59, wherein each of a plurality of users provides user input identifying a filtering criterion.

[[60]] 61. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[59]] 60, wherein a plurality of filtering criteria corresponding to a plurality of users are stored in memory.

[[61]] 62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[60]] 59, wherein each of said plurality of users is presented with a media title list.

[[62]] 63. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[58]] 59, wherein said filtering criterion is based on whether said user had previously been provided with a media presentation corresponding to said media title.

[[63]] 64. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[58]] 59, wherein said user input is a text string.

[[64]] 65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[63]] 64, further comprising logic configured to cause said client device to prompt said user to select a filtering criterion that corresponds to said text string.

[[65]] 66. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[63]] 64, further comprising logic configured to cause said client device to prompt said user to select an alternative text string.

[[66]] 67. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[58]] 59, further comprising logic configured to cause a media title that does not meet a second filtering criterion identified by user input to be excluded from said media title list.

[[67]] 68. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[58]] 59, wherein a video presentation identified by said media title is currently available to said user via said client device.

[[68]] 69. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[58]] 59, wherein a video presentation identified by said media title is not currently available to said user via said client device.